

Growing Number Of Ore. Students Poses Problems

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SALEM (AP)—Facing a 25 per cent increase in the number of school children in the next six years, Oregon is headed for more trouble in finding enough teachers to man the class rooms.

Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, says that of the state's 2,500 grade school teachers, 19 per cent now have emergency certificates. That means they don't have the requirements to be regularly certified teachers.

She predicts the shortage of qualified teachers will get worse.

For the school year beginning next month, the state's school districts are hiring 1,198 new grade teachers. Mrs. Gubser estimates that only 200 or 300 will come from the 1954 graduating classes at Oregon colleges which train teachers.

The rest will come from outside the state, or will be teachers with emergency certificates.

At this time last year, there was a need for 1,249 teachers. But all positions were filled by the time school started, although half of the new teachers had emergency certificates.

Emergency teachers can teach four years. At the end of that time, they either must have become qualified, or quit.

The shortage doesn't exist in high schools, or in schools in the larger cities. But it's bad in rural areas and small towns.

Mrs. Gubser has some ideas as to what to do about it.

"In the first place," she says, "we must induce all the graduates of teacher training courses to teach. Many complete their courses now, and then go into other fields."

"We have to take steps to reduce the turnover. In the United States last year, 60,000 teachers left their profession."

"We must maintain better standards for the profession. We lose good teachers now by reducing the standards."

"We must maintain adequate salaries. The salaries generally are good in the larger cities, and these cities don't have much trouble getting good teachers."

Mrs. Gubser said salaries are so low in some sections of the state that the districts can't keep good teachers. She cited Eastern Oregon as a low salary area, asserting that this part of the state is strongly influenced by low teacher salaries in Idaho.

"Some men," she continued, "go into some areas as teachers for \$3,600 a year, which isn't enough to support their families and to take the extra college work that is required of them. Many of these men teach a short while, and then they go into business."

"Another factor in getting good teachers is for the public to be alert to the election of good school boards. Some communities don't pay any attention to what goes on in their schools, and they elect school boards that don't know very much about running the schools. Consequently, it's hard to keep good teachers in those school systems."

Mrs. Gubser thinks the teachers can do something about it, too.

"Teachers have to take a more positive attitude toward their profession. They don't have to apologize to anyone for being a teacher," she said.

She thinks there should be more financial help for students who are taking courses to become teachers. But she pointed out that the Oregon colleges which train teachers couldn't get rid of all of their scholarship money last year. There weren't enough students who applied for the aid.

The high schools, she thinks, can do something about influencing their students to become teachers.

She also suggests that standards can be raised for principals and school administrators. If this is done, she says, the teaching profession will be more attractive.

French Teen-Agers Touring World

NEW YORK (AP)—A couple of French teen-agers have arrived from South America on a trip "around the world in 80 days" to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Jules Verne novel.

The pair, Francoise Haurie, 16, and Jean Francois Bernede, 14, won a soap company contest.

They confided last night that language difficulties sometimes make things confusing.

In Peru, for instance, they asked for a deck of playing cards and got peanuts.

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Mountaineers Escort Bodies

CALGARY, Alta. (AP)—Four Mexican mountaineers and the bodies of their four climbing partners killed last Friday on Mt. Victoria left here Wednesday aboard a Mexican government DC3.

Fausto Hernandez Ajuria, Mexi-

can consul from Vancouver, cleared the survivors and victims for their return home.

U. S. Admiral Warns Of Big Russian Asiatic Sub Fleet

TOKYO (AP)—The Russian Navy may have as many as 90 submarines in the Pacific area, Vice Adm. William Callaghan, commander of U.S. naval forces in the Far East, estimated today.

"These submarines definitely would be a threat to maintaining sea lines of communication," said the tall, grey-haired admiral, whose job would be to fight them in the event of war with the Soviets.

"Russia has a total of 375 submarines," Callaghan said in an interview, "and we feel it would be reasonable to expect that one-quarter of them are in the Pacific."

He estimated the Russian Pacific fleet also has 50 destroyers and two cruisers, but no aircraft carriers or battleships.

"Submarines and air power are their greatest threat, so far as Soviet capability is concerned," Callaghan said.

Two weeks ago, Gen. Earle E. Partridge, Far East Air Forces commander, said combined Soviet, Chinese and North Korean air forces had 7,500 planes, most of them Russian.

Russian ground strength in the

Far East has been estimated at 35 combat divisions by a high-ranking officer on the staff of Gen. John E. Hull, Far East commander.

Callaghan, the first skipper of the famed battleship Missouri, is a veteran of both world wars. He was in charge of the Military Sea Transportation Service during the Korean War.

His present command includes the U.S. 7th Fleet, made up of destroyers, cruisers and aircraft carriers, but presently no battleships. The 7th Fleet is charged with preventing a Chinese Red invasion of Formosa, Chinese Nationalist redoubt.

Callaghan also is in charge of the Amphibious Force, West Pacific, made up of attack transports, cargo ships and landing craft and also in charge of 5 yards at Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, and Inchon and Pusan in Korea.

Although there are no battleships in the Far East at present, there are four aircraft carriers—the Boxer, Philippine Sea, Yorktown and Hornet. The latter three are doing service with the 1st Fleet in the South Pacific. The Boxer

has been in Yokosuka undergoing routine repairs to the flight deck. Asked about the chances the Russians would have in getting aircraft carriers into the Pacific in case of war, Callaghan smiled. "I would certainly hate to be in command of a Russian naval force trying to come around the Cape of Good Hope," he said.

There were no surface actions in the Korean War, United Nations warships roamed the coasts at will, hammering shore batteries and sending carrier based planes deep into Korea in support of ground troops. Many Communist mines were encountered, however.

Russian submarines, Callaghan said, were operating from bases around Vladivostok and to the north.

"The weather would be against them operating from these northern bases during much of the year."

He said that any submarine force could only keep one third of its strength in operation.

But that one third the Russians have in the Pacific could block sea lines by prowling outside harbors.

"At least at first they would give us trouble."

But, he said, "hunter-killer groups of carriers and destroyers are the greatest potential capability against this submarine threat."

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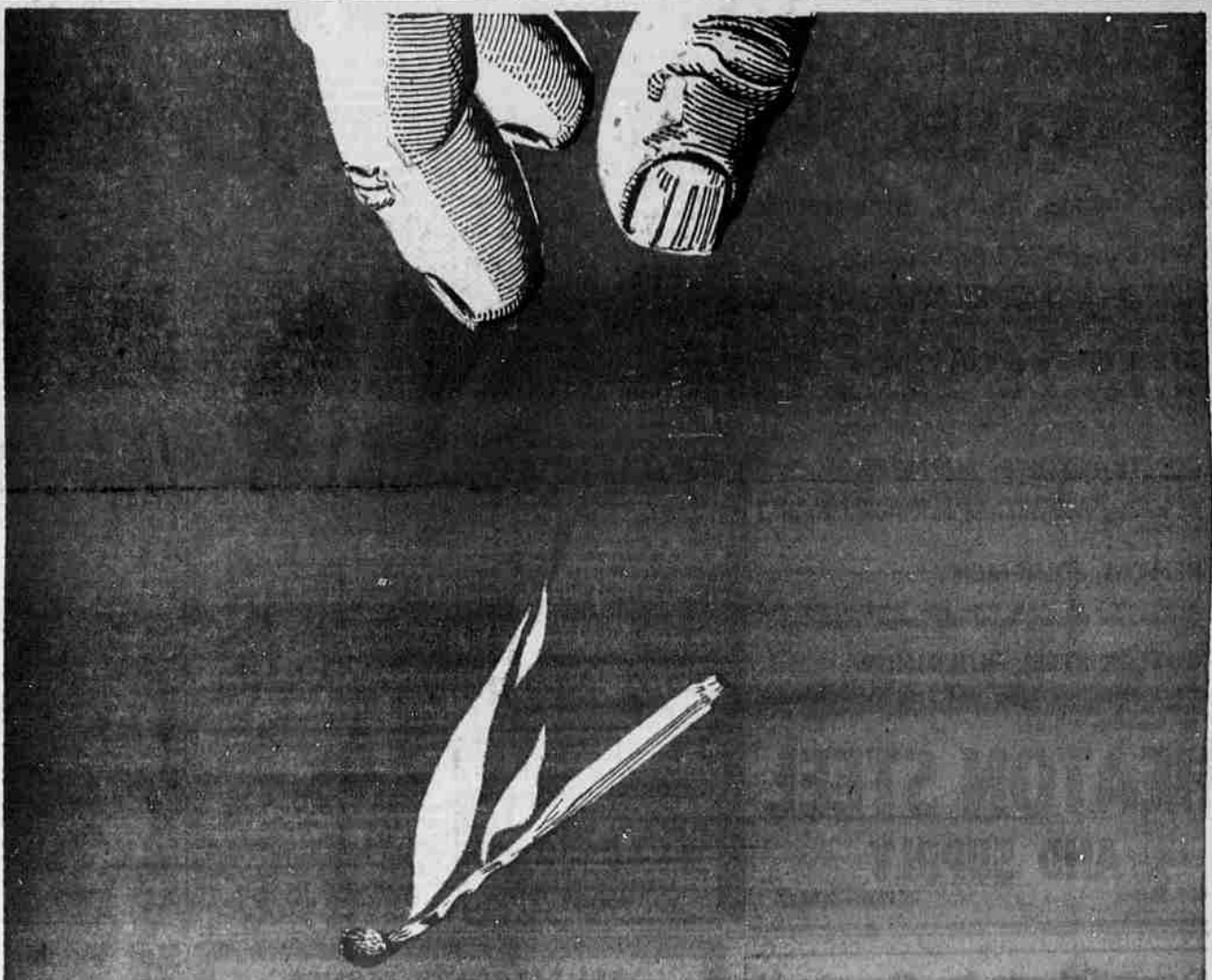
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